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SUBJECT: CHINESE REPRESENTATION IN THE IMF/IBRD

1. THE ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE IMF/IBRD ARE SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 1-5 IN WASHINGTON. AS IN THE PAST, WE WILL SUPPORT THE CONTINUED PARTICIPATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (ROC) IN THE IMF/IBRD, SHOULD ITS MEMBERSHIP BE CHALLENGED. OUR PRIMARY CONCERNS ARE TO MAINTAIN A CREDIBLE LEVEL OF SUPPORT FOR THE ROC IN THE IMF/IBRD, CONSISTENT WITH OUR OVERALL CHINA POLICY AND, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, TO AVOID THE INJECTION OF DIVISIVE POLITICAL ISSUES INTO THE OPERATIONS OF THESE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.

2. BACKGROUND: DURING THE 1973 ANNUAL MEETINGS IN NAIROBI, THE PRC CABLED IMF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WITTEVEEN AND IBRD PRESIDENT MCNAMARA IN WASHINGTON DEMANDING IMMEDIATE ROC OUSTER FROM THE FUND AND BANK. IT WAS AGREED WITHOUT FLOOR DISCUSSION THAT THE MATTER WOULD BE REFERRED TO THE IMF/IBRD EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS (ED'S) IN WASHINGTON. IN OCTOBER, 1973 THE FUND/BANK CONTACTED PRC REPRESENTATIVES IN NEW YORK TO SEEK CLARIFICATION OF THE PRC'S POSITION REGARDING IMF/IBRD PARTICIPATION. TO DATE, THE PRC HAS NOT RESPONDED TO THIS APPROACH, EXCEPT TO CASTIGATE THE FUND AND BANK (AT THE MAY, 1974 UNGA) FOR THEIR INACTION. THE CHINESE REPRESENTATION ISSUE DID NOT ARISE DURING THE 1974 ANNUAL MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON.

3. US TACTICS: AT PRESENT, WE HAVE NO INDICATION OF PRC
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INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN THE FUND AND BANK OR THAT CONTINUED ROC MEMBERSHIP WILL BE CHALLENGED BY THE PRC OR ITS THIRD COUNTRY SUPPORTERS AT THE UPCOMING SEPTEMBER MEETINGS. SHOULD A CHALLENGE NONETHELESS ARISE, WE PLAN TO USE PROCEDURAL TACTICS, AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, TO PREVENT THE ISSUE FROM COMING TO A VOTE. INITIALLY, WE WILL SEEK A RULING FROM THE CHAIR THAT THE QUESTION IS MOOT SINCE IT IS STILL IN THE HANDS OF THE ED'S, NO

REPLY HAVING BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE PRC TO THE 1973 FUND/BANK REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION OF ITS INTENTIONS REGARDING PARTICIPATION. SHOULD A RESOLUTION PROPOSING OUSTER OF THE ROC BE INTRODUCED, WE WILL SUPPORT A COUNTER-RESOLUTION LEAVING THE MATTER IN THE HANDS OF THE ED'S. OUR INTENT IN EMPLOYING THIS STRATEGY IS TO AVOID OR MINIMIZE DIVISIVE POLITICAL DEBATE DURING THE ANNUAL MEETINGS, WHOSE AGENDA IS FULLY OCCUPIED BY A BROAD RANGE OF IMPORTANT ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL ISSUES.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: ADDRESSEES SHOULD APPROACH SUB-MINISTERIAL LEVEL OFFICIALS OF HOST GOVERNMENTS TO INFORM THEM IN LOW-KEY FASHION OF UEG SUPPORT FOR CONTINUED ROC PARTICIPATION IN THE IMF/IBRD AND OF OUR INTENT TO EMPLOY PROCEDURAL TACTICS TO PREVENT ANY CHALLENGE FROM COMING TO A VOTE. FUND/BANK GOVERNORS SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE CONTACTED REGARDING THIS ISSUE. HOST GOVERNMENT ATTITUDES TOWARD THE CHIREP ISSUE, SUPPORT FOR OUR STRATEGY, AND ANY INFORMATION ON A POSSIBLE CHALLENGE TO ROC MEMBERSHIP SHOULD BE REPORTED BY PRIORITY TELEGRAM.

5. FOR BANGKOK: GIVE THE CURRENT STATE OF ROC/THAI RELATIONS, WE LEAVE IT TO EMBASSY'S DISCRETION WHETHER AN APPROACH SHOULD BE MADE AT THIS TIME AND AT THE LEVEL INSTRUCTED. KISSINGER

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